Chapter 8

Resources and References

The following collection of references and resources offers a sampling of articles, books, curricula, and Web sites that support the ideas and approaches of C.A.R.E.: Strategies for Closing the Achievement Gaps. It is not able to contain everything you will need to move forward in enriching your practice to better serve culturally and linguistically diverse students, but it will help get you started.

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Quality in the Classroom: How Students and Teachers Co-Manage Their Learning Process. Video/Guidebook. National Alliance of Business and JC Penney Leadership Institute on School Improvement. JC Penney Community Relations, 1999. This video and participant's guide, which represent the seventh session of the JC Penny Leadership Institute on School Improvement, explain a strategy designed to improve learning by changing teaching methods to be more student-centered using quality management tech-

niques, adjusting expectations of education and business partnerships, and assessing district and classroom learning systems. Call (972) 431-1313 or E-mail bdrenna2@jcpenney.com. Find out more about the Leadership Institutes at http://www.jcpenney.net/company/commrel

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Systems Thinking/Systems Change. Game or CD-Rom. This kit, containing a board game and facilitator's guide, is designed to help educators understand and gain experience in planning and leading organizational change in educational systems. Contact ST & C Associates cbers@comcast.net or (508) 652-9954

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Teaching with TRIBES. Video. Center Source Systems. The tape illustrates the strategies used to fulfill the purpose of the TRIBES process, which is to assure the healthy development of every child so that each one has the knowledge, skills and resiliency to be successful in a rapidly changing world. Go to www.tribes.com/shopping/ to purchase.

WEB

The Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement's mission is to help schools improve by providing them with accurate and practical information and helping them to use it. Currently, the site houses a variety of information, tools, guides, and links relating to comprehensive school reform and school improvement. In the near future, the site will feature online technical assistance including frequently asked questions (FAQ's), facilitated discussions, online workshops, and self-study modules. This site is a successor to the National Center for Comprehensive School Reform Web site. www.csrclearinghouse.org

Center for Research on Education, Diversity, & Excellence (CREDE) builds on its previous work as a federally-funded research and development program by focusing on improving the education of students whose ability to reach their potential is challenged by language or cultural barriers, race, geographic location, or poverty, www.crede.org

The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) has a mission to enhance children's success in school and life by promoting coordinated, evidence-based social, emotional, and academic learning as an essential part of education from preschool though high school. CASEL fulfills this mission through research, program development, publications, and an electronic newsletter. www.casel.org

The Education Alliance at Brown University promotes educational change to provide all students equitable opportunities to succeed. The Alliance advocates for populations whose access to excellence has been limited or denied. The Education Alliance conducts applied research and offers technical assistance in the areas of secondary school redesign, professional learning, and education leadership, all of which reflect equity and diversity issues found within schools. www.lab.brown.edu

Jim Shipley & Associates, Inc. specializes in the design and delivery of Baldrige-based consulting and training for all levels of educational systems. Each workshop is supported by training and materials that support teachers, principals, district staff, parents, students, and business partners. These services support a systemic approach to school change that fosters continuous improvement. www.jimshipley.net

The Learning First Alliance is a partnership of 12 national education associations (including NEA) dedicated to improving student learning in America's public schools. The Alliance's goals focus on ensuring high academic expectations, safe and supportive schools, and parent and community engagement for all students. The Alliance has several publications (most available on their website) dealing with the Federal education legislation, reading, math, safe and supportive schools, district-wide improvement and promoting public education.

The Learning Cooperative provides a variety of products and services, including an array of tools, products and information services designed to help your classroom, school, or district create and maintain a culture of continuous improvement (CI), coaching in creating and maintaining a culture of continuous improvement; certification as a practitioner or coach of CI processes; and an assortment of CI e-services including on-line coaching and threaded discussions led by educators. www.learningcooperative.org

Learning Point Associates, Inc. is a nonprofit educational organization that empowers educators to transform student learning by equipping them with research-based strategies and services that are user friendly, cost effective and responsive to the unique needs of the field. Its latest product is All Students Reaching the Top: Strategies for Closing Academic Achievement Gaps (see references for Culture chapter). www.learningpt.org

Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) makes a difference in education by delivering the best in field-based research and product development, workshops and training, technical assistance and consulting, evaluation and policy studies, information resources, and community education and public outreach. www.mcrel.org

The National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE) has the mission to provide educational leaders with state-of-the-art resources, tools, and support services to enhance and promote student growth and school improvement through accreditation. One key resource is DataPoint, a Web-based tool for collecting, managing and analyzing student data. It integrates your reports of data into your school improvement plan so that you can evaluate student performance, prioritize areas for improvement, and implement best practices and research-based instructional strategies to improve student achievement. www.nsse.org

The NEA Health Information Network Mental Wellness program collaborates with national mental health organizations and programs to provide NEA members with information, education, and training about timely mental health topics. Of special note is the wealth of resources dealing with building resilience in students and the adults who work with them. http://neahin.org/programs/mentalhealth/index.htm

The NETtrain System is designed to share standards-based, technology-driven learning modules which are created by teachers to be used by students in the classroom. Most of the students in the Education Technology Improvement Project, of which NETtrain is a part, are of Navajo heritage and thus the modules are infused with multicultural themes and methodologies. http://nettrain.unm.edu

New Horizons for Learning (NHFL) is an international network of people, programs, and products dedicated to successful, innovative learning. Based in Seattle, NHFL acts

as a positive change in education by working to implement proven strategies (e.g., brain-based teaching and learning, multicultural education, multiple intelligences) for learning at every age and ability level. www.newhorizons.org

The Northwest Regional Education Lab improves educational results for children, youth, and adults by providing research and development assistance in delivering equitable, high-quality educational programs. The Lab houses the Centers of Excellence which focus on Classroom Teaching & Learning; School & District Improvement; School, Family, and Community; and Research, Evaluation, and Assessment. www.nwrel.org

Oyate is a Native organization working to see that Native lives and histories are portrayed honestly, ensuring that all people will know their stories belong to them. Their work includes evaluation of texts, resource materials and fiction by and about Native peoples; conducting teacher workshops, in which participants learn to evaluate children's material for anti-Indian biases; administration of a small resource center and library; and distribution of children's, young adult, and teacher books and materials, with an emphasis on writing and illustration by Native people. www.oyate.org

The Resiliency Education Program (REP) trains school teams in a five-day intensive approach that is designed to mirror the brain-based learning process. This is the same process that school staff will utilize to implement the program in their school. The REP is competency-based, outcome-driven, and intensive. The program addresses student assessment, staff development, and specific programs that should be implemented in successful educational reform. www.resiliencyinc.com

The Rural School and Community Trust works in rural communities and small towns across America, but especially in those rural places stressed by historical patterns of poverty and racism, declines in population, major changes in population composition, and fundamental economic change. The Trust provides a variety of services -- training, networking, technical assistance, coaching, mentoring, research, policy analysis -- and materials to increase the capacity of rural schools, teachers, young people, and communities to develop and implement high quality place-based education. www.ruraledu.org

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